WELCOME TO ORDNANCE MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING TRAINING AGENCY

We of the staff wish to make your visit to Rock Island Arsenal as enjoyable as possible. In this brochure we are attempting to give you basic information. Do not hesitate to ask questions.

LOCATION The Arsenal is located in the Quint-Cities, the largest farm implement center in the world. This area comprises the cities of Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline, Illinois and Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, having a total population of more than 180,000. It is served by the Rock Island, the Milwaukee and the Burlington Railways. The United and Ozark Airlines serve the area.

The Arsenal is on an island in the Mississippi River. Access is by bridges from Rock Island, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa on the west and from Moline, Illinois on the east. Buses, taxi-cabs and private cars use any of these approaches to the Arsenal.

The Ordnance Management Engineering Training Agency is located in Building 90 on East Avenue, north of North Avenue. Bus and cab drivers know the location of Building 90. If you drive your own car, ask the guard at the gate for instructions to get to Building 90.

REPORTING-IN All military and civilian personnel complete sign-in registers at 0800 hours in their classroom on the first day of class in Building 90. Sign-in time will be the time you arrive in the quint-city area.

UNIFORMS All military personnel are required to wear uniforms during school hours.

ATTENDANCE You are required to report to your classroom promptly at 0800 hours Monday through Friday. Since you are here on official Government orders, it is necessary that you give an account of your time if absent during any session of the course. Report by telephone by 0830 hours on the day absence occurs. The telephone number is Rock Island 8-8411, Ext. 2-2245.

Should it become necessary to return to your station before completion of training, the school office must be notified in advance.

CLASS SCHEDULES Classes are held from 0800 to 1140 a. m. and from 1300 to 1625 p. m. On Friday, graduating classes will depart at 12:00 noon. Enrollees will not be permitted to depart prior to 12:00 noon on the day of graduation. Reservations should be made for flights departing after 1:00. Twenty minute morning and afternoon coffee breaks are provided. Promptness in attendance is expected.

USE OF PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES Parking facilities across the street from Building 90 have been provided for enrollees driving automobiles. Temporary car decals are issued in the administrative office of OMETA. Please return these decals to the administrative office prior to departure on the final day of class.

LIBRARY The library of OMETA provides excellent reference material for the use of enrollees while here. The library is located adjacent to the administrative office on the first floor.

LIVING QUARTERS Hotel reservations are made as indicated on nominee's enrollment form. No quarters are available on the post for either military or civilian personnel. Should you desire later to change residence, below is a list of convenient hotels.

Rock Island

Fort Armstrong
1900 3rd Avenue
$4.00 room and bath

Harms Hotel
100 18th Street
$3.50 and up

Harper House Hotel
209 19th Street
$3.50 room and bath

Y. M. C. A.
5th Ave. & 20th St.
$9.00 per week
No reservations in advance

South Wind Motel
4300 11th Street
on Highway 92
$7.00 sgl, $10.00 dbl

Moline

LeClaire Hotel
421 19th Street
$4.00 room & bath

Y. M. C. A.
1730 5th Avenue
$9.25 and up per week

Bettendorf

City Center Motel
1138 State Street
On Route 67
$7.00 sgl, $9.00 dbl

Tejm Motel
433 14th Street
On U. S. 6
$5.00 sgl, $7.00 dbl

Davenport

Blackhawk Hotel
309 Perry Street
$5.50 and up,
room and bath

Mississippi Hotel
3rd and Brady
$5.50 and up,
room and bath

Y. M. C. A.
402 Harrison Street
$10.50 per week
No reservations needed

Davenport Hotel
324 Main Street
$4.00 and up
room and bath

Tall Corn Motel
427 Kimberly Road
on Highway 150 and 6
$7.00 sgl, $9.00 dbl

TRANSPORTATION Government transportation to and from the Arsenal is not available. However, there are convenient city bus connections. Information can be obtained from the hotel clerk or by calling the bus company concerning times and points of departure from Davenport, Rock Island or Moline at the following telephone number: Davenport 2-7191. Bus driver should be requested to stop at Building 90. The fare is 20 cents.

Commercial cab companies serve the Island from each of the three major cities. The fare is $1.00 to $1.50 one-way to or from the hotel districts.

CHECK CASHING There are no facilities for cashing checks at this installation. Traveler checks are recommended; however, local hotels usually will cash small checks for their guests.

MAIL, TELEGRAMS Mail is received three times daily, except Saturday, Sunday and holidays at approximately 9:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m.. It is picked up for the post office at the same periods. Mail for trainees will be delivered to them by the instructor. Out-going mail may be placed in the "enrollee mailbox". Your address while here will be: Name, Title of Course, Ordnance Management Engineering Training Agency, Ordnance Weapons Command, Rock Island, Illinois.

Telegrams received for a trainee are promptly delivered to him. Out-going telegrams concerning official business may be sent through the Administrative Office. Personal telegrams may be sent by using the pay telephone in the basement.

MEALS There is an excellent cafeteria at the Arsenal. Cost of meals are very reasonable. The cafeteria is located on the ground floor or Building 60, which is two blocks west of Building 90. It is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Adequate dining facilities are available throughout the quint-city area.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES Major movie theaters, bowling alleys, etc., are plentiful and easily accessible, being located in the downtown area of each city. The Arsenal Museum provides much of historical interest. Hours are 11:00 through 4:00, Wednesday through Sunday.

Other types of entertainment are available such as river boat rides, auto races, night clubs, etc., and may be located by consulting the daily newspapers or telephone directory.

CHURCH SERVICES Places of worship for nearly all demoninations are available in this area. For time and place of services, consult the directories in your hotel or Saturday newspapers.

TELEPHONE CALLS An enrollee may arrange for out-going business calls by contacting the Administrative Office. Davenport dial 99 and number
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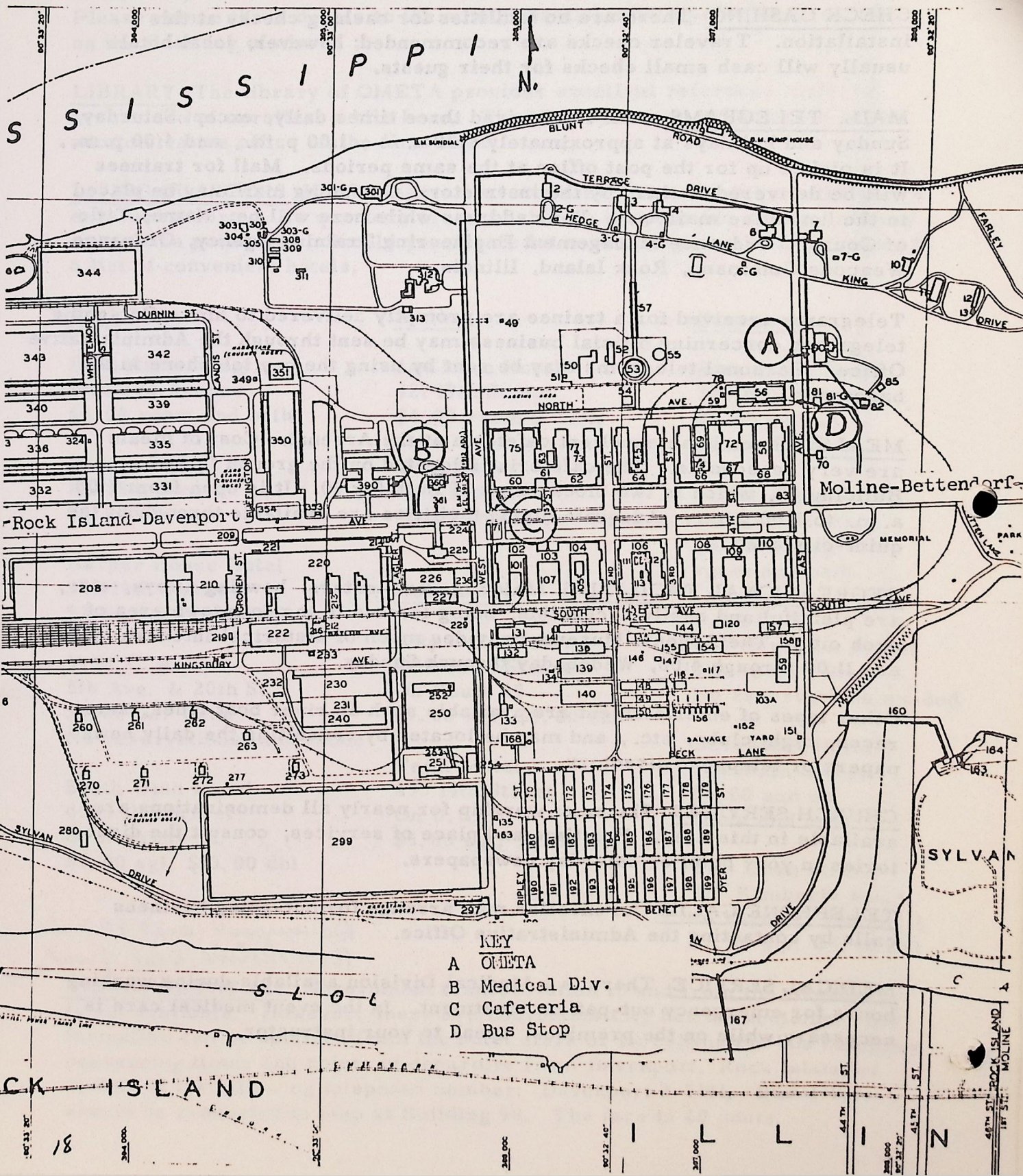
MEDICAL SERVICE There is a Medical Division available during working hours for emergency out-patient treatment. In the event medical care is necessary while on the premises, speak to your instructor.

NON-AVAILABILITY OF MEALS AND QUARTERS A certificate of non-availability of quarters and meals will be distributed to each military member on the last day of the course. All enrollees who require special certifications, endorsements, etc. should make their requirements known to their instructor.